



## CITY OF ALBANY SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE COMMISSION

### 2019- 2021 Work Plan

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#### Background

The following work plan identifies recent accomplishments, and priority work items for the upcoming work plan period. The work plan includes items identified as priority projects within the City Council's Strategic Plan. The Social and Economic Justice Commission shall review the work plan each year in January to identify accomplishments and ensure continued focus on completing work plan items. Work plans are presented to the Council every two years, and if a change is needed to the work plan outside of that schedule, the Social and Economic Justice Commission shall submit a "Request for Amendment to Advisory Body Work Plan" Form for review by the City Council.

#### Social and Economic Justice Commission Purpose

The charge of this Commission is to research, analyze, discuss and evaluate a broad range of data and opinions on social and environmental issues affecting the welfare of the residents of Albany as inhabitants of both a local and a global community, and make recommendations to the City Council on positions and/or actions to take to address these issues.

Recommendations to the City Council shall state the relevance, important and/or particular impact that the issue has on the welfare of the residents of Albany.

#### Recent Initiatives and Accomplishments

- Reviewed and evaluated Albany Project HOPE based on performance measures included in quarterly reports and annual presentation by BFHP staff;
- Reviewed progress towards Housing Element policies with Community Development Staff;
- Proposed and provided input on Rent Review program draft ordinance;
- Provided a recommendation to the Council on health and wellness programs to be developed with sugar-sweetened beverage tax revenue;
- Provided input on outreach efforts (postcard) regarding information on low income/senior tax exemptions;
- Proposed, implemented and evaluated a Resource Center Pilot Program. Resource Center was in operation between Sept. 2017-Jan. 2018. Provided a recommendation to the City Council to fund a part-time position and space at the Senior Youth Annex for weekly drop-in consultations with residents in need;
- Provided a recommendation to Council for the development of a diversity and inclusivity survey and action plan.

#### 2019-2021 Policy Review and Initiatives

## **COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL 1 - Foster a Healthy and Sustainable Urban Village**

### **Objective 2. Promote Housing Availability & Quality**

- 1) Review of progress towards Housing Element policies with Community Development Staff once per year.
- 2) Review all new multi-family housing proposals for affordability needs of the community.
- 3) Investigate funding sources, State and Regional Housing initiatives to increase affordable housing in Bay Area and implications for Albany
- 4) Receive updates regarding Rent Review program and provide report and recommendations to Council in November 2019 on program effectiveness, changes, if needed and tenant protections.

## **COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL 2 - Engage Our Diverse Community**

### **Objective 1. Connect with and Engage the Community**

- 1) Receive updates regarding the Albany CARES program and provide recommendation to Council in December 2019.
- 2) Review and evaluate Albany Project HOPE based on performance measures included in quarterly reports provided by BFHP and the annual presentation by BFHP staff/Project HOPE Case Manager.
- 3) Provide input on outreach efforts regarding information on low income/senior tax exemptions.
- 4) Provide input on ways to equalize burden on future and existing measures.

### **Objective 3. Continue to Promote Communitywide Inclusivity**

- 1) Identify service needs to support aging in place including steps toward an aging in place strategic plan.
- 2) Develop a model for an annual Albany diversity report card and a survey on inclusivity.
- 3) Develop a model for an Inclusivity/Social Justice impact report to be part of Council review of proposed legislation and initiatives.

### **Objective 4. Promote Health and Wellness**

- 1) Provide a recommendation to the Council on health and wellness programs to be developed with sugar-sweetened beverage tax revenue where the matter is discussed (Council Study Session).